

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Representative Toni Boucher Represented Connecticut at White House Conference**



**(WASHINGTON, DC)** – Connecticut State

Representative Toni Boucher served as a Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, DC from December 12th to the 14th. Selected to serve after receiving a nomination from the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), Boucher joined 1,200 delegates from around the nation to address issues that the nation's current and future elderly population will face over the next decade.

The White House Conference on Aging occurs once a decade to make aging policy recommendations to the President and Congress, and to assist the public and private sectors in promoting dignity, health, independence, and economic security of current and future generations of older persons.

Major issues discussed at this conference included reforms to Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security. Boucher tackled issues affecting seniors such as employment, assisted living facilities, healthcare costs, and access to care.

“This conference was the most ambitious, hard working, and goal oriented I have ever attended. An amazing amount of work was accomplished in a short period of time,” said Boucher. She added, “All views were fully discussed and the final resolutions reflected the majority's view of what priorities for aging populations should be addressed by the President and Congress for the next decade. We now look to them for implementation.”

“While legislators were in a minority among conference attendees, these women leaders were integral in creating a blueprint to deal with aging for the next ten years. I am proud

of the active role Representative Boucher is taking as we begin the White House Conference on Aging work,” said Robin Read, NFWL President & CEO. “She understands that elected officials must take a central role in the implementation of resolutions and plans and that our strategies must grow and evolve.”

Boucher was nominated by NFWL and selected by the White House Conference on Aging to serve as an official Delegate to the Conference as a result of her leadership in Connecticut on aging and other related issues.

### **About the White House Conference on Aging**

White House Conferences on Aging (WHCoA) are decennial events designed to develop recommendations for additional research and action in the field of aging. The 2005 White House Conference on Aging occurs as the first wave of the baby boom generation prepares for retirement, creating an important opportunity to creatively reassess aging in America and focus on the lives of older Americans.

### **About the National Foundation For Women Legislators, Inc. (NFWL)**

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports women legislators from all levels of governance. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, NFWL does not take ideological positions on public policy issues, but rather serves as a forum for women legislators to be empowered through information and experience.